

- $-\Xi_1\text{-Ser-}$  (IV)  
 $-\Xi_1\text{-Gln-}\Xi_2\text{-}$  (V)  
 $-\text{Gln-}\Xi_2\text{-}$  (VI)  
 $-\Xi_1\text{-Gln-}$  (VII)  
 $-\Xi_1\text{-Asn-}\Xi_2\text{-}$  (VIII)  
 $-\text{Asn-}\Xi_2\text{-}$  (IX)  
 and  
 $-\Xi_1\text{-Asn-}$  (X)

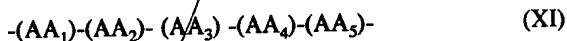
wherein:

$-\Xi_1$  represents a peptide sequence of 0 to 9 amino acids

and

$-\Xi_2$  represents a peptide sequence of 0 to 5 amino acids,

$-\Theta$  represents a peptide sequence of formula (XI):



wherein:

$(AA_1)$  is selected from the group consisting of a lysine residue, an arginine residue, and an ornithine residue,

$(AA_2)$  is selected from the group consisting of a glycine residue, and an asparagine residue,

$(AA_3)$  is selected from the group consisting of a lysine residue, an arginine residue, and an ornithine residue,

$(AA_4)$  is selected from the group consisting of a leucine residue, an alanine residue, an isoleucine residue, and a glutamine residue,

$(AA_5)$  is selected from the group consisting of an isoleucine residue, a valine residue, a leucine residue, a threonine residue, a norleucine residue, and a norvaline residue,

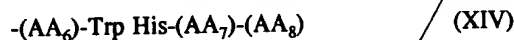
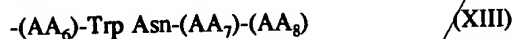
provided, however, that  $(AA_1)$ ,  $(AA_2)$ ,  $(AA_3)$ ,  $(AA_4)$  and  $(AA_5)$  never form together the peptide sequences -Lys Gly Lys Leu Ile- and -Lys Gly Lys Leu Val-,

- $\Omega_1$  attached to the -CO- group of serine, is selected from the group consisting of:

- a hydroxyl (-OH) radical, an amino (-NH<sub>2</sub>) radical,
- an alkoxy radical comprising from 1 to 6 carbon atoms,
- a peptide sequence of formula (XII) :



wherein  $\Sigma$  represents a sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences of formula (XIII) and formula (XIV):



wherein:

(AA<sub>6</sub>) represents an amino acid different from lysine,

(AA<sub>7</sub>) represents an amino acid,

(AA<sub>8</sub>) is selected from the group consisting of a serine and a threonine residue,

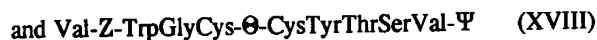
and  $\Psi$ , attached to the -CO- residue of the free AA<sub>8</sub> amino acid, is selected from the group consisting of an OH group, a NH<sub>2</sub> group and an alkoxy radical comprising from 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

-a peptide sequence of formula (XV):



wherein  $\Psi$ , attached to the -CO- residue of valine, has the same meaning as for the formula (XII),

- and a peptide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences of formula (XVI) to (XVIII):



wherein Z and  $\Theta$  have the definition given for the formula (I)

and  $\Sigma$  has the definition given for the formula (XII) and  $\Psi$ ,

attached to the -CO- residue of serine, on the -CO- residue of the AA<sub>5</sub> amino acid or on the -CO- residue of valine, has the same meaning as for the formula (XII).

16. Synthetic peptides of formula (I) according to claim 15 wherein  $\Delta$  represents an aliphatic chain, said aliphatic chain being selected from the group consisting of an alkyl chain of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an alkenyl chain of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, and an aminoalkylcarbonyl chain of 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

17. Synthetic peptides of formula (I) according to claim 15, wherein (AA<sub>5</sub>) is selected from the group consisting of a valine residue, a leucine residue, and a threonine residue and when  $\Omega$  corresponds to a peptide sequence of formula (XII) or (XIV), (AA<sub>6</sub>) is selected from the group consisting of a glutamine residue and an arginine residue.

18. Synthetic peptides of formula (I), according to claim 15, wherein:

- $\Delta$  is selected from the group consisting of a biotiny radical, a hydrogen atom, an aliphatic chain which may contain one or two thiol, an aldehyde functional group and an amine functional group,

-Z represents a peptide sequence of formula (II) or (V), wherein  $E_1$  represents a peptide sequence of two amino acids and  $E_2$  represents an amino acid, or a sequence of formula (IV), wherein  $E_1$  represents three amino acids, or a peptide sequence of formula (VIII), wherein  $E_1$  represents a peptide sequence of nine, eight or three amino acids and  $E_2$  a peptide sequence of five amino acids,

- $\Theta$  is selected from the group consisting of peptide sequences of formulae:

-Lys Gly Arg Leu Val-,

-Arg Gly Lys Ala Val-,

- Arg Gly Arg Leu Val-, and

-Arg Gly Arg Ala Val-,

and

- $\Omega$  is selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group, the peptide sequence (XV) and one of the following sequences representing the peptide sequence of formula (XII):

- Val Arg Trp Asn Glu Thr- $\Psi$ ,
- Val Gln Trp Asn Glu Thr- $\Psi$  and
- Val Gln Trp Asn Ser Thr- $\Psi$ .

19. Synthetic peptides of formula (I), according to claim 15, wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of peptide sequences of formulae:

- Leu Leu Ser Ser-
- Leu Leu Asn Ser-
- Arg Leu Asn Ser-
- Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Gln Asn Gln Gln Leu Leu Asn Ser-
- Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Gln Asn Gln Gln Leu Leu Asp Leu-
- Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Gln Asn Gln Gln Leu Leu Asn Ile-
- Leu Asn Gln Gln Arg Leu Leu Asn Ser-

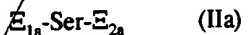
and

- Arg Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Asn Gln Gln Arg Leu Leu Asn Ser-

20. Synthetic peptides of 20 to 50 amino acids according to claim 15, of formula (Ia):



wherein Z<sub>a</sub> is selected from the group consisting of radicals of formulae IIa to Xa:



-Gln- $\Xi_{2a}$  (VIa)  
 $\Xi_{1a}$ -Gln- (VIIa)  
 $\Xi_{1a}$ -Asn- $\Xi_{2a}$  (VIIIa)  
 -Asn- $\Xi_{2a}$  (IXa)  
 - $\Xi_{1a}$ -Asn (Xa)

wherein:

- $\Xi_{1a}$  represents a peptide sequence of 1 to 5 amino acids

and

- $\Xi_{2a}$  an amino acid,

- $\Omega_a$  represents a peptide sequence of formula (XII), as defined for the formula (I), or a peptide sequence of formula (XVIIa):



and

$\Delta$ ,  $\Theta$ ,  $\Sigma$  and  $\Psi$  have the same meaning as for the formula (I).

21. Synthetic peptides of formula (I) according to claim 15 including one of the following sequences:

Sequence No. 1

-LLSLWGCRGKAVCYTSVQWNET-

or

-Leu Leu Ser Leu Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly Lys Ala Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

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Glu Thr-

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Sequence No. 2

-LLSLWGCRGRLVCYTSVQWNET-

or

-Leu Leu Ser Leu Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Glu Thr-

22

Sequence No. 3

-LLSSWGCKGRLVCYTSVQWNET-

or

-Leu Leu Ser Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Glu Thr-

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Sequence No. 4

-LLSSWGCKGRLVCYTSVQWNST-

or

-Leu Leu Ser Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Ser Thr-

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Sequence No. 5

-LLQSWGCKGRLVCYTSVQWNST-

or

-Leu Leu Gln Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Ser Thr-

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Sequence No. 6

-LLNSWGCRGKAVCYTSVQWNET-

or

-Leu Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly Lys Ala Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

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Glu Thr-

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Sequence No. 7

-LLSLWGCRGRAVCYTSVQWNET-

or

-Leu Leu Ser Leu Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly Arg Ala Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

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Glu Thr-

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Sequence No. 8

-LLSSWGCRGRLVCYTSVQWNET-

or

-Leu Leu Ser Ser Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

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Glu Thr-

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Sequence No. 9:

-LLSSWGCKGRLVCYTS-

or

-Leu Leu Ser Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser-

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Sequence No. 10:

-LLNSWGCKGRLVCYTS-

or

-Leu Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser-  
1 5 10 15

Sequence No. 11:

-ALETLLQNQQLLNSWGCRGRLVCYTSVRWNET-

or

-Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Gln Asn Gln Gln Leu Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly  
1 5 10 15  
Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Arg Trp Asn Glu Thr-  
20 25 30

Sequence No. 12:

-ALETLLQNQQLLNIWGCRGRLVCYTSVRWNET-

or

-Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Gln Asn Gln Gln Leu Leu Asn Ile Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly  
1 5 10 15  
Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Arg Trp Asn Glu Thr-  
20 25 30

Sequence No. 13:

-ALETLLQNQQLLDLWGCRGRLVCYTSVRWNET-

or

-Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Gln Asn Gln Gln Leu Leu Asp Leu Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly  
1 5 10 15  
Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Arg Trp Asn Glu Thr-  
20 25 30



Sequence No. 14:

-LNQQRLLNSWGCKGRLVCYTSV-

or

-Leu Asn Gln Gln Arg Leu Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr

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Thr Ser Val-

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Sequence No. 15:

-RALETLLNQQRLLNSWGCKGRLVCYTSV-

or

- Arg Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Asn Gln Gln Arg Leu Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys

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Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val-

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Sequence No. 16:

-RLNSWGCKGRLVCYTSV-

or

- Arg Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val-

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22. Synthetic peptides, according to claim 15, of sequence:

PEPTIDE No. 1 (2B)

LLSLWGCRGKAVCYTSVQWNET

or

Leu Leu Ser Leu Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly Lys Ala Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Glu Thr

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PEPTIDE No. 2 (3B)

LLSLWGCRGRLVCYTSVQWNET

or

Leu Leu Ser Leu Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Glu Thr

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PEPTIDE No. 3 (4B)

LLSSWGCKGRLVCYTSVQWNET

or

Leu Leu Ser Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Glu Thr

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PEPTIDE No. 4 (5B)

LLSSWGCKGRLVCYTSVQWNST

or

Leu Leu Ser Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Ser Thr

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PEPTIDE No. 5 (6B)

LLQSWGCKGRLVCYTSVQWNST

or

Leu Leu Gln Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Ser Thr

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PEPTIDE No. 6

LLNSWGCRGKAVCYTSVQWNET

or

Leu Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly Lys Ala Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Glu Thr

22

PEPTIDE No. 7

LLSLWGCRGRAVCYTSVQWNET

or

Leu Leu Ser Leu Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly Arg Ala Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Glu Thr

22

PEPTIDE No. 8 (7B)

LLSSWGCRGRLVCYTSVQWNET

or

Leu Leu Ser Ser Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Gln Trp Asn

1 5 10 15 20

Glu Thr

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PEPTIDE No. 9 (12B)

LLSSWGCKGRLVCYTS

or

Leu Leu Ser Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser

1 5 10 15

PEPTIDE No. 10 (14B)

LLNSWGCKGRLVCYTS

or

Leu Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser

1 5 10 15

PEPTIDE No. 11 (18B)

ALETLLQNQQLNSWGCRGRLVCYTSVRWNET

or

Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Gln Asn Gln Gln Leu Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly

1 5 10 15

Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Arg Trp Asn Glu Thr

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PEPTIDE NO. 12 (19B)

ALETLLQNQQLLNWGCRLVCYTSVRWNET

or

Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Gln Asn Gln Gln Leu Leu Asn Ile Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly

1 5 10 15

Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Arg Trp Asn Glu Thr

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PEPTIDE No. 13 (20B)

ALETLLQNQQLLDLWGCRGRLVCYTSVRWNET

or

-Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Gln Asn Gln Gln Leu Leu Asp Leu Trp Gly Cys Arg Gly

1 5 10 15

Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val Arg Trp Asn Glu Thr

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PEPTIDE No. 14 (21B)

LNQQRLLNSWGCKGRLVCYTSV

or

Leu Asn Gln Gln Arg Leu Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr

1 5 10 15

Thr Ser Val

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PEPTIDE No. 15 (22B)

RALETLLNQQRLLNSWGCKGRLVCYTSV

or

Arg Ala Leu Glu Thr Leu Leu Asn Gln Gln Arg Leu Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys

1 5 10 15

Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val

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PEPTIDE No. 16 (23B)

RLNSWGCKGRLVCYTSV

or

Arg Leu Asn Ser Trp Gly Cys Lys Gly Arg Leu Val Cys Tyr Thr Ser Val

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23. Composition containing at least one synthetic peptide of formula (I) according to claim 15.

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24. Composition according to claim 21 containing peptide No. 3 (4B) and peptide No. 1 (2B).

25. Composition containing at least one synthetic peptide of formula (I) according to claim 15 and at least one group O HIV-1 recombinant peptides.

26. Composition containing at least one synthetic peptide of formula (I), according to claim 15, and at least one HIV-1 and/or HIV-2 recombinant or synthetic peptide.

27. Immunoassay method comprising the steps of:

1) contacting at least one synthetic peptide of formula (I) according to claim 15, previously detectably labelled, with a sample likely to contain antibodies directed to said peptides;

2) detecting the presence of a complex between said peptides and said antibodies;

3) optionally assaying the amount of said antibodies in the sample.

28. Immunoassay method comprising the steps of:

1) contacting a composition according to claim 23, containing at least one synthetic peptide of formula (I), previously detectably labelled, with a sample likely to contain antibodies directed to said peptides;

2) detecting the presence of a complex between said peptides and said antibodies;

3) optionally assaying the amount of said antibodies in the sample.

29. Diagnostic kit including at least one synthetic peptide of formula (I), according to claim 15.

30. Diagnostic kit including a composition according to claim 23.